



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 340

Senate, April 16, 2014

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. BYE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL READINESS PLAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Child Advocate, in
2 collaboration with the Commission on Children and the Child Poverty
3 and Prevention Council, shall establish a two-generational school
4 readiness plan to promote long-term learning and economic success
5 for low-income families by addressing intergenerational barriers to
6 school readiness and workforce readiness with high-quality preschool,
7 intensified workforce training and targeted education, coupled with
8 related support services. Such plan shall include recommendations for:
9 (1) Promoting and prioritizing access to high-quality preschool for
10 three and four-year-old children who are living at seventy-five per
11 cent of the federal poverty level; (2) providing the parents of such
12 children with (A) the opportunity to acquire their high school
13 diplomas, (B) adult education, and (C) technical skills to increase their
14 employability and sustainable employment; and (3) funding for

15 implementation of the plan, including, but not limited to, use of the
16 temporary assistance for needy families program and other federal,
17 state and private funding.

18 (b) On or before December 1, 2014, the Child Advocate shall report
19 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
20 cognizance of matters relating to children, education, workforce
21 development and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in
22 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
23 on the plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 \$	FY 16 \$
Governmental Accountability, Off.	GF - Implements the Budget	200,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Child Advocate¹ to develop a two-generational school readiness plan and to report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2014, on such plan.

sHB 5030, the FY 15 revised budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes funding of \$200,000 in FY 15 for this purpose.

¹ The Office of the Child Advocate is within the Office of Governmental Accountability

OFA Bill Analysis**sSB 340****AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL READINESS PLAN.****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Child Advocate, in collaboration with the Commission on Children and the Child Poverty and Prevention Council, to establish a two-generational school readiness plan to promote long-term learning and economic success for low-income families by addressing intergenerational barriers to school readiness and workforce readiness with high-quality preschool, intensified workforce training and targeted education, coupled with related support services.

The bill also requires the Child Advocate to report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, education, workforce development and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on or before December 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 49 Nay 0 (04/01/2014)